

Who’s actually in charge anyway?

1. How did we get here?

Genesis 1:27-28 (NLT) - So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

- A Good Ruler: _____ rulership
- An evil ruler: _____ rulership
- A Good Ruler: _____ rulership *(where we are now)
- A Good Ruler: _____ rulership

2. What is our present reality

Romans 5:17 (NLT) - For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

- The Cross is the full reinstatement of:
 - a) _____ God
 - b) _____ God

3. How do we move forward in victory?

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NLT) - For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.”

- Four practical understandings/actions:
 - a) Remember our _____
 - b) Utilize Kingdom _____
 - c) Function as _____
 - d) Serve in the _____

STUDY GUIDE

This past Sunday’s message was a little like watching all of the Lord of the Rings movies in one sitting! So much information, history and experience to take in! Let’s try to simplify our understanding: what is your understanding of the Gospel story? Let’s break down the Study Guide through the 3 points of the message we heard.

1. How did we get here? Read Genesis 1:27-28 and share your observations and feelings.
2. What is our present reality? Read Romans 5:17 (you may want to read a bit further here, to help develop your understanding: Romans 5:17-21). How does this scripture impact you?
3. How do we move forward in victory? Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-7. Does this illustration make sense to you? (vs.7): “... we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.” In what ways do you feel ‘fragile’ as you walk out your life and faith?
4. I would recommend that you partake in Communion at this point, either in a group setting or by yourself. Allow Jesus to minister hope and truth to you. Take time to pray with/for each other.